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TITLE OF INVENTION TRUCK/TRAILER BOX CONSTRUCTIONS

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2 TITAN	296-181.000	N54	UTILITY	YES	\$640.00	01/17/02

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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/754,705

Examiner

Kiran B. Patel

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/15/01.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,5,7-13,15 and 16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 19 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.  
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                             | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____             |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____               | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                             |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

### EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allowance of the claims in this case, is the inclusion of the limitation "a horizontally elongated lower side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall at a location adjacent the bottom edge, wherein the two side rails and the lower side surface of the inside side skin that extends downwardly from the upper side rail to the lower side rail form a channel shaped nook adapted to receive an end portion of transverse beams that are a part of a bottom for the truck/trailer box" in claim 1; "corner regions together forming horizontally extending weld recesses where the corner regions of the first sidewall panel adjoin the corner regions of the second sidewall panel when the top and bottom edges are in contact; said corner regions of the first and second sidewall panels, being thick enough at the weld recesses to permit the placement of weld beads in the weld recesses" in claim 7; "corner regions form horizontally extending weld bead receiving recesses where the lower edge of the top sidewall panel meets the upper edge of the intermediate panel below it, where

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top and bottom edges of intermediate panels join, and where the lower edge of the lowermost intermediate panel and the top edge of the bottom sidewall panel meet" in claim 10; and "each bottom sidewall panel also including a lower horizontally elongated side rail extending laterally inwardly from the inside side skin of the sidewall panel at a location spaced below the upper side rail, wherein the two side rails and the side portions of the sidewall panel extending between the side rails form inwardly opening longitudinal channels, and end portions of the transverse bottom beams are received within said channels" in claim 13 in combination with the other limitations recited in this application, which are not found in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kiran B. Patel whose telephone number is 703-305-0254. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan, can be reached on 703-305-0254. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-3522 for regular communications and 703-308-3297 for After Final communications.



Kiran B. Patel

Examiner

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October 15, 2001